

### ELECTION

On Page 2 of the first Office action, Applicants' pending claims were determined to be directed to the following plurality of patentably distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-28, drawn to a method of manufacturing an interconnect structure, classified in class 438, subclass 653;

Group II: Claims 29-35, drawn to an interconnect structure, classified in class 257, subclass 751.

In response to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect without traverse for prosecution purposes the claims of Group I, namely 1-28.

### REMARKS

Claims 1-35 were pending. Claims 29-35 have been cancelled and have not been elected.

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application which could be clarified by a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,



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